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**FISCAL IMPACT STATEMENT**

**LS 6671**

**BILL NUMBER: SB 323**

**NOTE PREPARED:** Dec 31, 2009

**BILL AMENDED:**

**SUBJECT:** Electronic Drug Prescriptions.

**FIRST AUTHOR:** Sen. Dillon

**FIRST SPONSOR:**

**BILL STATUS:** As Introduced

**FUNDS AFFECTED:** X GENERAL  
DEDICATED  
X FEDERAL

**IMPACT:** State

**Summary of Legislation:** This bill requires the Indiana Health Informatics Corporation to prepare a plan for statewide electronic prescribing.

**Effective Date:** July 1, 2010.

**Explanation of State Expenditures:** The bill requires the Indiana Health Informatics Corporation (IHIC) to prepare a plan for statewide electronic prescribing. The cost of this provision will depend on the number of hours of state employee time that would be necessary to complete the plan. According to the IHIC, the Employers' Forum of Indiana is currently working to design, develop, and execute a statewide program focused on lowering costs, improving patient safety, and increasing provider and patient satisfaction through electronic ordering and fulfillment of medication prescriptions. IHIC is working with the Employers' Forum to support development and roll-out of this program.

**Background Information:** The Indiana Health Informatics Corporation was established by SEA 551-2007 as a body politic and corporate. The IHIC is not a state agency. The IHIC is governed by a nine-member board consisting of the Secretary of the Office of the Family and Social Services Administration (FSSA), the Commissioner of the Indiana State Department of Health (ISDH), and seven members appointed by the Governor, one of whom must be a physician and one who must be a hospital administrator.

SEA 551-2007 allows the IHIC to direct and conduct research activities and encourage and facilitate planning and implementation on a regional basis. The IHIC may further direct that assistance, information, and advice be given to the IHIC by the executive branch of state government. The legislation further specifies that the

head of any state department or agency may assign a state employee to the IHIC on a temporary basis or may direct a state department or agency to make a special study or survey requested by the IHIC.

**Explanation of State Revenues:**

**Explanation of Local Expenditures:**

**Explanation of Local Revenues:**

**State Agencies Affected:** FSSA; ISDH.

**Local Agencies Affected:**

**Information Sources:** IHIC website at: <https://myshare.in.gov/FSSA/ihic/default.aspx>

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